

next year going forward in what we actually need to get our jobs done.

The gentleman is correct, we have met numerous times. I thought they have been very productive meetings dealing with DACA. We have narrowed the scope to four areas.

I am excited to have the government back open. It also means we can be back at the table to solve this problem. I know we have a short time period. We have got a week left after the CR that we just passed, but I believe, working together, we can get this done.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that information.

I am hopeful that we can agree on the underlying issue which led to the necessity for a CR and the temporary closing of government. That is the underlying agreement on what budget numbers will be, what our caps will be, how much discretionary funding we will have to spend both on defense and nondefense. That is at the core. When you fail to do that, you fail to pass appropriation bills, and you, therefore, have to repair to CRs, which everybody on this floor agrees is bad fiscal policy and should not be the way we do business.

Secondly, I appreciate the majority leader's leadership and engagement on the issue of solving the problem, or the challenge and the opportunity, I should say—not so much a problem, but an opportunity—of DREAMers. It is what the President, Mr. Speaker, asked us to do. Hopefully, we can, in fact, working in good faith with one another, get that done.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

REFUSAL TO GOVERN

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, the chaos Presidency has spawned a chaos Congress. Now that they control the White House as well, they still can't govern—no more excuse, no more bogeyman Obama in the White House.

Instead of governing, my esteemed Republican colleagues have spent the last year trying to rip healthcare away from children and families in order to give their billionaire friends a tax break. That is the only thing that they have accomplished: giving to the rich.

Then, at 12:01 Saturday morning, Republicans told the American people that the United States is closed for business.

This is the fifth time in 30 years that Republicans have shut down the Federal Government. It is the first time ever that a single party has controlled the entire Federal Government but still refused to keep the country running.

Mr. Speaker, let us govern. Let them govern. If my Republican colleagues want to enter into good faith negotiations for a budget that fully funds the

Federal Government and pursues bipartisan priorities, such as funding community health centers, permanently reauthorizing CHIP, providing disaster relief, and protecting DREAMers, then you know where to reach me.

ABSENCE OF LEADERSHIP

(Mrs. DEMINGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, as a former police chief, I have seen the effects of good government and I have seen the effects of bad government, and what we have seen over the last few days is bad government.

As the party in charge of the Senate, the House, and the White House, the Republican majority has a responsibility to pass a budget that sustains critical services for the American people.

Instead, they passed a \$1.5 trillion tax giveaway, chose to ignore critical concerns, and push an anti-immigrant agenda.

I have seen the horrible outcomes of trying to make one group of people afraid of another. I have seen the results of ignoring the real dangers to America, like racism, gun violence, poverty, and lack of opportunity.

We are a nation of immigrants.

As leaders of a pluralistic society, we have a responsibility to build a nation with compassion for people. But this shutdown was about more than immigration. It was about our military, our veterans, our seniors, our children, and adequate disaster relief.

Mr. Speaker, I will not support a complete absence of leadership. I will continue to fight for real solutions.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say that, yes, I support keeping the government open. However, I cannot support the continuing resolution that came before this House today.

Let me just say to America: I want you to understand it is not about not supporting our military. It has placed us in a position that we have to understand that we need to do both, just as Democrats and Republicans should work together.

On this continuing resolution, it makes us, yes, give 6 years to CHIP. But what about the community health centers? What good is it to give us CHIP and not support community health centers? What good is it not to support our teaching hospitals?

So I say to you, with Republicans in charge of the House, the Senate, and the White House, we could do better.

Today, I proudly say to all of those women who marched across this Nation: I stand with you today because you marched for better healthcare. You

marched so that we could have equality and equal treatment. That is why I proudly cast my vote as a "no."

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

(Mr. PEARCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PEARCE. Mr. Speaker, I was proud to just cast a "yes" vote to open the government back up.

I would observe coming into the Capitol tonight that they had Members and staff all kind of in the same car line, so I just barely made it here for that vote.

I have heard all day long that we should be funding the government for the full year, and we should be doing it right. In fact, we in the House have passed all 12 appropriations bills. They are sitting over in the Senate.

If the Senate Schumer shutdown was desired not to occur, then all they could do is bring up those full-year funding bills, allow them to come to the floor, and we fund our military, we fund all of the healthcare, the opioids, and every other single thing.

That would require the Senate Democrats working with the Republicans over there, and we saw 2 days ago that is not going to happen. Today, under duress, it did, but we are still facing the same problem. We need nine Democrats in the Senate to help the Republicans get to the 60-vote majority.

DREAMERS

(Mr. KHANNA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, thousands marched in every city across America for racial justice, gender equality, and a moral vision of America. Today, we let them down.

It was not complicated what citizens wanted. They wanted a vote, a guaranteed vote in this Chamber about whether we would keep our word to the DREAMers, and we failed to deliver.

Now, I have no doubt that most Democrats, Senators and congressmen, care about the DREAMers staying in this country, but citizens expect more. They want us not just to look at generic poll numbers or battleground districts. They want us to lead with our hearts because they are leading with their hearts.

The question today, Mr. Speaker, is: When will the elected representatives be worthy of the courage of our citizens and the grassroots?

LET'S GO ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNTRY

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, we finally had a vote to ensure that the